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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, ASLA Hon., Executive Officer

DATE: May 7, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XV: Consideration of resolution re-authorizing participation in the Cooperative Management Agreement for the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing signing of the Cooperative Management Agreement among the National Park Service and California Department of Parks and Recreation and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Cooperative Management of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Background: Please see the attached new Cooperative Management Agreement. The document restates and expands upon the original 1995 agreement between the four park agencies. The new agreement will remain in effect continuously unless otherwise modified or terminated by any party, with sixty days notice, or by some federal or state regulation.

Cooperative projects, planning, and sharing of resources and expertise have always been a hallmark of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area partners. The new agreement memorializes continuing cooperation in order to maximize efficiencies, and best serve the parks and the public.